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**SPECIAL PROCEDURES SUBMISSION**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Kenichi NAKATATE, et al.  
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Group Art Unit: 2874  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) and (c)(2)**

**MAIL STOP 313(c)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

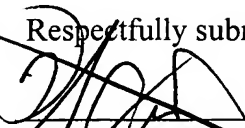
Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issuance in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) and (c)(2). Insofar as Applicant can determine, although the Issue Fee was paid on November 22, 2006, the above-identified application has been accorded an issue date and a patent number.

The present petition is being filed to request consideration of a request for continued examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, in the above-identified application.

An Information Disclosure Statement and RCE are being filed concurrently herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h), the USPTO is authorized to charge the Petition fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this petition and authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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